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**Amendments To The Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A lacrosse head, comprising:  
a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;  
a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;  
a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;  
a pair of opposing flaps coupled to and extending generally inwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls toward a centerline of the lacrosse head each flap having an upper portion attached to a respective one of said pair of sidewalls and a lower portion; and  
a netting coupled to said lower portion of said pair of opposing flaps, such that said lower portions remain spaced apart from one another;

wherein said pair of opposing flaps is utilized for channeling a lacrosse ball into a decreased pocket size area of said netting for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head.

Claim 2 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing flaps has a plurality of string holes formed therein for receiving said netting and attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, and said scoop portion form a one-piece integral frame.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The lacrosse head of claim 3 wherein said one-piece integral frame further includes said pair of opposing flaps as integral integrally parts extending from said pair of opposing sidewalls.

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Claim 5 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls includes a plurality of openings for receiving said netting and further attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.

Claim 6 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing flaps is contoured substantially similar to said pair of opposing sidewalls.

Claim 7 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said netting is at least one of a traditional pocket and a mesh pocket.

Claim 8 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 7 wherein said traditional pocket includes less than four thongs.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A lacrosse head, comprising:  
a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;  
a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;  
a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;  
a pair of opposing flaps coupled to and extending generally inwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls toward a centerline of the lacrosse head, said pair of opposing flaps also extending generally [rearwardly] downwardly to a distance below a lower rim of each of ~~[[from]]~~ said pair of opposing sidewalls; and  
a netting coupled to said pair of opposing flaps;  
wherein said pair of opposing flaps is utilized for channeling a lacrosse ball into a decreased pocket size area of said netting for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head.

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Claim 10 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said pair of opposing flaps has a plurality of string holes formed therein for receiving said netting and attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, said scoop portion, and said pair of opposing flaps form a one-piece integral frame.

Claim 12 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 11 wherein said one-piece integral frame is comprised of a plastic material.

Claim 13 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 12 wherein said pair of opposing flaps is contoured substantially similar to said pair of opposing sidewalls.

Claim 14 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said netting is at least one of a traditional pocket and a mesh pocket.

Claim 15 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said traditional pocket includes less than four thongs.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A lacrosse head, comprising:  
a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;  
a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;  
a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;  
a pair of opposing deflecting members respectively extending from [[flaps coupled to]] said pair of opposing sidewalls by an overmolding process, said pair of

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opposing deflecting members ~~[[flaps]]~~ extending generally inwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls toward a centerline of the lacrosse head; and ~~[[, said pair of opposing flaps also extending generally rearwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls; and]]~~

a netting coupled to said pair of opposing deflecting members and positioned therebetween; ~~[[flaps;]]~~

wherein said pair of opposing flaps is utilized for directing channeling a lacrosse ball into ~~a decreased pocket size area~~ said netting for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head;

wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, and said scoop portion form a one-piece integral frame element.

Claim 17 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 16 wherein said pair of opposing deflecting members ~~[[flaps]]~~ each are an elastic deformable covering coupled to said at pair of opposing sidewalls for cushioning said lacrosse ball.

Claim 18 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 16 wherein said pair of opposing deflecting members ~~[[flaps]]~~ has a plurality of string holes formed therein for receiving said netting and attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.

Claim 19 (Original): The lacrosse head of claim 16 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, said scoop portion and said pair of opposing deflecting members form a one-piece integral frame.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (New): The lacrosse head of claim 19 wherein said pair of opposing deflecting members extends substantially across the length of said pair of opposing sidewalls.

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Claim 22 (New): A lacrosse head, comprising:

- a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;
- a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
- a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
- a pair of opposing sidewall directing members coupled to an inner surface of each of said sidewalls and extending generally inwardly toward a centerline of the lacrosse head;
- said pair of opposing sidewall directing members being formed of an elastic deformable covering;
- wherein said pair of opposing sidewall directing members decreases the open area between said pair of opposing sidewalls and assist in directing a lacrosse ball into a decreased pocket size area for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head.

Claim 23: (New) The lacrosse head of claim 22, wherein said pair of opposing sidewall directing members are coupled to said inner surface of each of said sidewalls through an overmolding process.